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U.S. Raids on Libya

Libyan air defense sources cited by Tripoli radio claimed that over 20 U.S. planes were downed in the "failed barbaric" attack on targets in Libya 15 April. The radio said Libyan "citizens" have decided to kill every captured U.S. pilot "in accordance with the principle of reciprocal treatment," adding that this follows the precedent set by the United States 24 March, when U.S. planes allegedly attacked Libyan sailors being rescued by a tugboat in the Gulf of Sidra. As for the effects of the U.S. raids, the Radio spoke of "dozens" of casualties, including many foreign nationals, disclosing that several members of Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi's family were wounded in the attack on his residence. However, a Libyan spokesman in Madrid told DPA that Col Al-Qadhdhafi has not been injured, and SANA reported that al-Qadhdhafi telephoned Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad following the U.S. raids. The spokesman cited by DPA also spoke of "hundreds" of casualties, and an Arab League spokesman quoted by AFP reported that over 70 people were killed. In contrast, Beirut's Voice of Lebanon reports that "according to exclusive information,", Al-Qadhdhafi was "injured in his shoulder."

The French, Iranian, Swiss, and Romanian embassies were damaged in the U.S. air attack, according to JANA and TANJUG reports. The Yugoslav agency also said U.S. bombs demolished several housing blocks in an area near Col Al-Qadhdafi's residence. On U.S. aircraft losses, TANJUG cited eyewitness reports that a U.S. plane was seen to burst into flames and crash after being hit by a missile, adding that another U.S. aircraft was "most probably" downed while overflying Tripoli on a reconnaissance flight some 3 hours after the first U.S. raid. Belgian and Turkish diplomats reported a second U.S. air raid on the Libyan capital about 3 hours after the first raid, AFP noted.

Tripoli Voice of the Greater Arab Homeland reports that Libyan Armed Forces "destroyed telecommunications on the Island of Lampedusa" "in retaliation" for the American raids.

In Cairo, former Libyan Prime Minister 'Abd al-Hamid Bakkush welcomed the U.S. action, claiming that it has sparked off a mutiny in the armed forces and that "this is the beginning of the end for Al-Qadhdhafi," according to DPA.

In the wake of the U.S. raids, Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio exhorted Arabs to "attack whatever is American," to "tear apart the bodies of the Americans," and to set fire to every U.S. Embassy, company, and base in the Arab world. The radio also called for "the shedding of seas of blood of the Americans," urged Arabs to "slaughter" Americans living in Arab countries, and exhorted pilots in the air forces of other Arab states to launch kamikazi attacks on U.S targets. Claiming that British planes participated in the raids, the radio said the Arabs should pour their wrath on both Americans and British. Tripoli radio and television broadcast similar appeals.

Among reaction to the U.S. raids was the Israeli prime minister's view, in a statement to Jerusalem radio, that they were an "act of self-defense." Syria "strongly" denounced the "barbaric" U.S. raids, according to an official source cited by Damascus radio, who asserted that Syria has placed all its "potentials" at Libya's disposal and has urged the Arab nation to confront the U.S. action. The Iranian prime minister termed the raids "barbaric," and claimed the security of U.S. organizations and citizens throughout the Islamic world has been "destroyed," Tehran radio reported. Radio Monte Carlo cited the Jordanian information minister as describing the U.S. action as "very serious" and warning against "far more" serious repercussions and consequences as a result of the raids. The Pakistani foreign minister expressed Pakistan's deep shock over the raids, according to Karachi radio.

Earlier, in a statement issued 14 April, the Algerian Foreign Ministry stated Algeria's opposition to "use of force" against Libya because of the inevitable heightening of tension that would follow in the region, Algiers radio reported. The statement added, however, that while Algeria reaffirms its disapproval of any action against Libya, it "could not" condone the implementation or encouragement of terrorist attacks against innocent victims.

In a related development, an extraordinary ministerial meeting of the Nonaligned Movement's Coordinating Bureau convened in New Delhi 15 April to discuss the U.S. raids on Libya, TANJUG reported, noting that the participating Libyan representative alleged the aim of the attack was to "force" Libya to "abandon" the help it is rendering liberation movements.

Iran-Iraq War

Iranian fighters bombed the 'Ayn Zalah oil station 200 kms inside Iraq, a communique cited by IRNA reported, adding the installation was set ablaze. On the other hand, an Iraqi military spokesman cited by INA denied the Iranian claim on the oil installation bombing.

On the Iraqi side, a communique cited by Voice of the Masses radio announced the Iraqi air force launched a "violent, destructive" raid on the Ganaveh oil terminal, setting it ablaze. The communique further stated that Iraq repulsed an Iranian counterattack in the central sector, killing 120 and injuring "many" others.

Sudan

Reporting initial results of the Constituent assembly elections, SUNA stated that most party leaders have obtained seats except for National Islamic Front leader Hasan 'Abdallah al-Turabi.

DRA-Pakistan

The DRA foreign minister lodged a protest with Pakistan over an 11 April Pakistani reconnaissance flight over DRA territory and rejected Pakistan's claims that DRA forces violated Pakistani territory early this month, Kabul radio reported.

On the other hand, Pakistan protested to the DRA over an "unprovoked" artillery attack 12 April on two Pakistani villages, according to Karachi radio.

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Protest Lodged With Pakistan Over Border Incursions

LD141633 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1600 GMT 14 Apr 86

[Text] The charge d'affaires of the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1130 this morning and the following points were made to him by the director of the First Political Section: On 11 April 1986, two groups of Pakistan's military aircraft, which consist of three aircraft each, carried out a reconnaissance flight over the security posts of Khowst District in the region of Zhawar at altitudes of 5 km and 8 km during 0530 and 1200, and returned.

The DRA Government once more condemns this aggressive action of the Pakistani military forces, lodges a protest against the Government of Pakistan, and demands from Pakistani military authorities to end their such action which do nothing but aggravate the situation in the borders.

In addition, the Pakistani military authorities, in order to cover up their actions against the DRA, has claimed that on 1st, 3d, 4th and 5th of April of the current year, the DRA military forces has violated the (?Chamarkan), surroundings of Chaman, (?Nakhtar) and (?Gargak) areas.

The DRA Government, after an all-around assessment, describes these claims as being far from the truth, rejects them resolutely, and states that the Pakistani authorities should stop such false claims.

PDPA Secretary Addresses Pashtun Jirga

LD111114 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 10 Apr 86

[Excerpts] The jirga of the independent Pashtun tribes, which had begun yesterday morning in Kabul, ended this afternoon after issuing a resolution. At the invitation of the participants of Pashtun independent tribes' jirga, the leadership, party and government delegations of the DRA, including members of the Politburo and Secretariat of the PDPA Central Committee, some members of the PDPA, Revolutionary Council and the DRA Council of Ministers, participants of AAPSO conference held in Kabul and a number of ulema and clergy of the DRA, took part in the work of the jirga in the afternoon.

The BIA correspondent adds that chairman of the jirga then asked Najibollah, member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, to address the jirga on behalf of the leadership delegation of the DRA party and government.

Najibollah at the begining of his speech said: First of all, allow me to congratulate you from the bottom of my heart, on behalf of the leadership delegation of the DRA party and government, glorious jirga of the independent tribes invited by your esteemed chiefs on the occasion of successful conclusion of your historic Grand Jirga, the jirga that you have convened at a sensitive time on the land and homeland of your ancestors and fathers.

Similarly, I welcome the representatives of the political parties of Pashtuns and Baluchis, and the progressive and democratic parties of Pakistan, and we express thanks for the participation of the representatives of Pashtun jirga of India in the independent tribal jirga.

Najibollah added: The party and our revolutionary government are honoured to welcome you in the revolutionary country of Afghanistan and in order to fulfill their fraternal and historic duty, they have put at your disposal all their potential. We believe that you, tribal brethern, as history has witnessed, are prepared to discharge your historic duties,as before toward the DRA and your Afghan brethern.

Najibollah added: Once again it should be mentioned that the DRA foreign policy concerning the neighboring countries is based on noninterference in the internal affairs of each other, reciprocal respect to national sovereignty of each other, and reciprocal cooperation.

Concerning our policy vis-a-vis Pakistan, it must be said that the DRA, in accordance with the announcements dated 14 May 1980 and 24 August 1981 wants direct talks for the solution of issues around Afghanistan. While we are following such a clear and open policy we would never forget to support and back our Pashtuns and Baluchis, and their movement on the basis of the principle of support for the national emancipation and progressive movement.

In a part of his speech Najibollah said: The DRA state and PDPA, headed by our party and government leader Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, who is directing our revolution towards victory, feels responsible for your legitimate and humane demands. Our revolution looks at your struggle for safequarding historic dignity and your traditional freedom with appreciation and belief.

We allow you, esteemed chiefs who have taken part in this historic jirga, to hold jirgas with refugees and convey to them our goodwill and the humane policy of our party and government; and by your guarantee and trust of the DRA Government, encourage them to save themselves from the degrading and disastrous life in the camps and to return to their country.

The refugees need your assistance. Save them from the pressure of the rebel bands and discharge your fraternal duty to help them return to their country so that they can continue their peaceful life and take part in the destiny of their country.

At the end of his talk, Najibollah said: We support the decisions of this jirga, which are reflected in the basic statement and we express all-round support and approval for the resolution of the jirga. Your historic and glorious jirga has assessed major and important issues and rendered formidable decisions. We desire that in accordance with the decisions of this jirga you accomplish successfully your duties for safeguarding the traditional freedom of the tribes, defending the borders of the DRA and for the return of the refugees to the country.

I wish you further victories in the implementation of the decisions of this historic and glorious jirga.

Extraordinary Nonaligned Meeting Called on Libya

Bhagat on 'Dangerous Situation'

LD150858 Belgrade TANJUG in English 0805 GMT 15 Apr 86

[Text] New Delhi, 15. April (TANJUG) — Indian Foreign Minister Bali Ram Bhagat opened today in new Delhi an extraordinary ministerial meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement to review the dangerous situation created in the Mediterranean following American military actions against Libya.

The Indian minister said that American aggression on Libya represented a very serious breach of international law threatening peace and stability in that region. He repeated the appeal of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to United States and other countries not to do anything that would worsen the already tense situation.

The representative of Libya Al-Ukali, taking part in the debate, said that this dangerous attack on Libya has had the clear aim of diverting Libya from its non-aligned course and to force her to abandon the help she is giving to liberation movements. That kind of terrorism is well known practise of American Administration, he said.

Communique Issued on U.S. Attack

LD151235 Belgrade TANJUG in English 1147 GMT 15 Apr 86

["Communique on American Attack on Libya" — TANJUG headline]

[Text] New Delhi, 15. April (TANJUG) — The ministers and heads of delegations of non-aligned countries demanded that the United States put an immediate halt to its military operations against Libya. At the same time ministers called on the United Nations Security Council to take urgent action and condemn American actions. This was announced in a communique unanimously adopted at the emergency meeting of Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau in Delhi a few minutes ago.

The nonaligned document on the aggression on Libya says this aggressive act is the more condemnable as the United States is one of the permanent members of the Security Council which have the greatest responsibility for maintaining international peace and security.

At this time, points out the communique from the Coordinating Bureau's emergency meeting, the nonaligned countries express their full support to and solidarity with Libya in its efforts to preserve its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. At the same time it conveys expressions of sympathy to the Libyan Government and people for the casualties sustained.

The foreign ministers of nonaligned countries have sent the document at once to the president of the UN Security Council, so that he may take immediate action in accordance with the Charter of the world organization.

Further on Communique

BK151258 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 15 Apr 86

[Text] The nonaligned countries have called upon the United States to put an immediate halt to its military operations against Libya. Ministers and heads of delegations of nonaligned nations met in an emergency session in New Delhi today and strongly condemned the U.S. attack undertaken with the support and collaboration of the United Kingdom, its NATO military ally. In a communique they said full and prompt compensation should be provided to Libya for the human and material losses suffered by it.

The emergency meeting also called upon the UN Security Council to take urgent action to condemn this act of aggression and prevent repetition of such act.

AIR Correspondent Manohar Takroo reports that the delegations from nonaligned countries are in New Delhi for ministerial level meeting of the Coordinating Bureau, which is to begin tomorrow. Ministers from a number of countries are already in the country to head their delegations, while officials have been meeting since yesterday to prepare for the ministerial meeting. It view of the crisis over Libya they decided to hold an emergency session today.

The communique adopted at the session says that they noted the U.S. aggression with deep shock and profound indignation. They called it a blatant and unprovoked act of aggression against a fellow nonaligned nation. It constitutes violation of international law and of the UN Charter and endangers international peace and security. The U.S. action is all the more condemnable as Washington is primarily responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security and to abide by the principles of the UN Charter by virtue of its position as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Gandhi Affirms Solidarity With Libya

BK150751 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 15 Apr 86

[Text] The prime minister has said that India and the entire Nonaligned Movement strongly deplore the U.S. bombing of some Libya cities. In a statement in New Delhi, he said the Nonaligned Movement extends its full support to Libya at this critical hour and affirms solidarity with it.

As chairman of the Nonaligned Movement, Mr Rajiv Gandhi called upon the United Staes ad all others to exercise utmost restraint and not to do anything to further aggravate the already tense situation in the region. Expressing profound shock at the bombings, Mr Gandhi said these are sought to be justified as retaliation for terrorist acts allegedly committed by Libya. He pointed out that the Nonaligned Movement has consistently condemned all forms of terrorism whether committed by individuals or organized by states. He noted Libya's declaration that it has no relationship with the claims made by the United States linking it to recent terrorist attacks.

In the Lok Sabha, members condemned the American attacks on Libya and said that the world is on the brink of a catastrophe. Sharing the members' feelings, the speaker Mr Bal Ram Jakhar said the whole world is concerned over the deveopment. Soon after the house assembled in the morning, Mr Indrajit Gupta, CPI [Communist Party of India], referred to the attack and demanded a discussion on the matter. He was supported by Mr Madhu Dandavate, Janata, and others.

Making a statement in the Lok Sabha today, the external affairs minister, Mr B.R. Bhagat, said that India is deeply shocked at the recent bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi by U.S. aircraft. This action is in total disregard of international law and constitutes nothing less than a clear act of aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Libya. Mr Bhagat said the U.S. action places regional security and international peace in grave jeopardy.

Bhagat: 'Total Disregard of International Law'

BK150906 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 15 Apr 86

[Text] India has expressed deep shock at the bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi by U.S. aircraft and said this constitutes nothing less that a clear act of aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Libya. Making a statement in the Lok Sabha today, the external affairs minister, Mr B.R. Bhagat, said this action is in total disregard of international law and places regional security and international peace in grave jeopardy. Mr Bhagat called upon all concerned to refrain from resorting to any action contrary to the norms of international conduct and the principles of the UN Charter. It is imperative that tension should not be allowed to be build up any further and immediate steps are taken to defuse the situation in the interest of world peace.

Mr Bhagat informed the house that there were no casualties among the Indian residents in Libya. All Indian Embassy personnel were safe.

In the last 3 months, India has repeatedly urged that precipitate action should be avoided. Problems in the area should be resolved through dialogue, not through pressure. It is most deplorable that these appeals have been ignored.

Earlier, members from from all sides of the house demanded a discussion on the subject. They condemned the American attacks on Libya.

Bangladesh Firing Halts Embankment Work in Tripura

BK121555 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Apr 86

[Text] Work on strengthening the embankment in the Muhuri Char land on the Indian side in Belonia in south Tripura, which was resumed this morning, had to be suspended in the evening when the Bangladesh Rifles [BDR] resorted to firing. The Bangladesh Rifles at first fired 10 to 12 rounds at 1000 to stall the work and were continuing firing on the Indian side at intervals. The Border Security Force personnel did not fire back till then. They had to retaliate when the BDR started using light machineguns. A flag meeting was scheduled to be held between local commanders at 1600 today.

Foreign Minister Expresses 'Shock' Over U.S. Attack

BK150629 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 15 Apr 86

[Text] The government and the people of Pakistan have been deeply shocked by the U.S. attacks on the installations of the nonaligned Muslim country, Libya. This was stated by Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan while talking to newsmen at the Islamabad airport prior to his departure for New Delhi where he will attend the ministerial meeting of the Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau beginning there tomorrow. He said the one-sided use of force is contrary to the recognized principles of the UN Charter. Pakistan joins its voice with those countries which condemn this action and respect the supremacy of international law for maintaining peace and security.

The nonaligned ministerial meeting is also expected to discuss this serious incident. The nonaligned countries can collectively play a meaningful role in checking further deterioriation in thissituation and emphasize the need for patience and restraint in the trend of use of unlawful means for the realization of personal interests.

Protest Lodged With DRA Over Border Shelling

BK141536 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 14 Apr 86

[Text] The Afghan Armed Forces fired 40 rounds on Chaman and (Murdar Baghicha) villages with mortars, artillery and 76 millimeter artillery at 2320 [1820 GMT] last Saturday [12 April]. Earlier, a soldier of the Pakistani Armed Forces and four civilians were injured. The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Ministry this afternoon and a strong protest was lodged with him on this unprovoked attack.

Mujahidin Destroy Soviet Aircraft in Afghanistan

BK130821 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 13 Apr 86

[Text] According to a report, the mujahidin destroyed many Soviet-Karmal aircraft in rocket attacks on the Balk Province of Afghanistan. Earlier, the mujahidin attacked a Soviet-Karmal troop convoy in the Panjsher Valley and destroyed many vehicles.

President Rejects Demand for New Elections

BK151608 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 14 Apr 86

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has rejected the demand for fresh elections in the country and said that there is no justification for this demand. Talking to newsmen in Islamabad, he said that general elections were held in the country only last year and the next elections will be held after 4 years according to the program.

The president said that the demand is being made by certain people who call themselves politicians and who did not take part in the last elections. The president said that these people should wait with patience and forebearance for the next elections and work to reorganize their parties during the interim period of 4 years because these elections may be held on a party basis; then, six or seven months before the elections, they can start their activities to tell the people about their programs.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq asked the people to use their energy for the country's progress and prosperity and give due importance to this valuable time. The president said that in Third World countries, including Pakistan, where the literacy rate is low, political leaders manipulate this weakness of the people and try to exploit them to bring about a change according to their wishes.

On the Maltese president's visit to Pakistan, the president said that the visit has been successful and the two countries have relations on the basis of equality. He said Malta is among the 122 countries that supported Pakistan's resolution on Afghanistan at the UN General Assembly and it has always supported Pakistan at international forums and other gatherings, including the Nonaligned Movement, whenever an issue relating to Third World or developing countries has come up for discussion.

Reportage on Official Visit of Maltese President

Feted by President

BK110727 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 10 Apr 86

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq and President Agatha Barbara have spoken of the similarity in approach of Pakistan and Malta to regional and global questions, being members of the nonaligned movement. They were speaking at a banquet held tonight by the president in honor of the visiting Maltese president. In his speech, President Mohammad Ziaul Haq said the two countries are supporters of institutions and initiatives aimed at strengthening regional and global peace. He held out the assurance that Pakistan will sincerely persevere in the pursuit of this noble objective.

Referring to Afghanistan, he said the crisis in Afghanistan caused by foreign military intervention has radically altered the regional equilibrium. Pakistan has been perceiving the principle of Afghan [words indistinct] on the rejection of the situation within Afghanistan through the use of force. He said Pakistan recognized that despite the heroic resistance of the Afghan people the Afghan problem cannot be solved through military means. Therefore, Pakistan is working for a politically negotiated settlement through the United Nations. The president said the Afghanistan problem has also created a human tragedy of unparalleled dimensions forcing 3 million Afghan refugees to take shelter in Pakistan.

Turning to Pakistan's relations with its neighbor he said we are committed to a policy of keeping tension-free relations and have taken a number of initiatives to bring about a qualitative change in our relations with India.

Speaking on the occasion, the Maltese president, Miss Agatha Barabara, appreciated Pakistan's endeavors to find a peaceful solution of the problems facing the country. She said the friendship between the two countries arose spontaneously despite a distance of thousands of miles between them and (?remains) to be long lasting to (?initiate) and develop activities to the mutual advantage of their two people. She said Malta is not only grateful to Pakistan for the open cooperation extended to it in the establishment of Air Malta but also for the technical cooperation provided to her country (?and exchange of) doctors.

The Maltese president said her visit would be helpful in further developing cooperation between the two countries based on mutual needs and benefits. She said through Pakistan's moral, political, and economic support over the two decades Malta has been able to establish new economic foundation. She hoped that Pakistani entrepreneurs would be willing to invest in Malta in view of the unique position held by (?her in the region) in providing chances for markets both in Europe and north Africa. She hoped that the two countries will make endeavors to increase mutual trade and maintain a healthy balance of payments. The far-reaching cooperation can be developed to their mutual development.

Earlier, on arrival in Islamabad today on a weeklong visit to Pakistan, the Maltese president was given a warm welcome. She was received among others by President Mohammad Ziaul Haq.

Visits Afghan Refugee Camp

BK131628 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 Apr 86

[Excerpt] Accompanied by President Mohammad Ziaul Haq, Maltese President Agatha Barbara visited an Afghan tented village in Kachagarhi near Peshawar this afternoon. Speaking to the refugees she said freedom loving countries all over the world understand the situation in Afghanistan. She said as believers in freedom, social justice and democracy, these countries adopted resolutions at the United Nations so as to find some solution to the Afghanistan problem through talks. She lauded the efforts of Pakistan, especially President Mohammad Ziaul Haq, to find a peaceful and dignified solution to this problem and expressed the hope that these efforts will ultimately succeed and the refugees will return to their country. The Maltese president lauded Pakistan for helping the Afghan refugees on humanitarian grounds.

Speaking on this occasion, President Mohammad Ziaul Haq reiterated that there is no military solution to the Afghanistan problem and it can only be solved politically. He said that is why along with 122 countries, including Malta, Pakistan is working for this objective. He expressed the hope that that day is not far off when Afghanistan will again become an independent Islamic nation and will play its role in the comity of nations. He said until then Pakistan will continue its assistance to Afghan refugees on humanitarian grounds. The president said he is especially thankful to the people of the NWFP for the hospitality shown to the Afghan Muslim brothers as that is where 2 million of the 3 million Afghan refugees have been living.

Swiss Foreign Minister Ends Visit, Departs 12 April

BK130613 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 13 Apr 86

[Text] The vice president and foreign minister of Switzerland, Mr Pierre Aubert, accompanied by his delegation members visited Karachi port yesterday. The Karachi port trust chairman briefed him on the working of the port. The Swiss vice president and foreign minister left Karachi for home early this morning at the end of a week's visit to Pakistan. The Sind minister for industries, Dr Shafkat Ali Shah, and others saw him off at the airport.

UNHCR Chief Concludes Visit 10 April

BK110407 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 11 Apr 86

[Text] The UN high commissioner for refugees, Mr Jean Pierre Hocke, left Karachi for Geneva last night after 9-day visit to Pakistan. Earlier, he visited the YMCA sponsoring service office and the sub-office of the UN High Commission for Refugees in Karachi.

BANGLADESH

Protest Lodged With India Over Border Killings

BK121557 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Apr 86

[Text] Bangladesh has lodged a strong protest with India over the recent incident of unprovoked and unwarranted firing by BSF [Border Security Force] killing two BDR [Bangladesh Rifles] personnel. The protest note was handed over to the Indian high commissioner in Dhaka today. The two BDR men were shot dead by Indian security forces last Wednesday near (Charkhasmahal) within Bangladesh territory in Rajshahi District, while they were chasing three boats loaded with smuggled goods.

AFP: Indian Border Guards Kill 5 Villagers

BK150705 Hong Kong AFP in English 0622 GMT 15 Apr 86

[Text] Dhaka, April 15 (AFP) — Indian border guards killed five Bangladesh citizens when they opened fire on unarmed villagers who strayed across the border to attend a village fair, press reports said here Tuesday. Some of the villagers had wandered across to the Indian side of the border during the fair near the Indian border post at Jalu village across from the Sherpur District Monday, the *ITTEFAQ* Bengali language daily said. Five of them were killed and several injured after members of the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire, it added. The BSF guards "hurriedly took away" four bodies and the fifth was recovered by villagers and members of the Bangladesh border guard, newspapers here said quoting local officials.

A separate report from the northwestern district of Thakurgaon said that members of the BSF had kidnapped a Bangladeshi police constable from the border village of Kadamtali Sunday.

SRI LANKA

Ranatunge: Security Forces To Step Up Operations

BK130918 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Apr 86

[Text] In Sri Lanka the general officer commanding of the joint operations, Lieutenant General Cyril Ranatunge, has said that the security forces will step up the offensive against the militants and the flushing out operations will begin soon. In an interview to the Colombo-based newspaper *WEEKEND*, the general said that he has no other alternative but to order the joint forces supported by the Air Force to conduct the flushing out operations in view of the almost daily offensive launched by the militants on military camps. He said during the past 3 weeks 21 security forces personnel were killed and at least 38 injured. General Ranatunge said he was pulling in the reins on his troops due to the ongoing political process and what he referred to as the good people of Jaffna. General Ranatunge admitted that in such a confrontation civilian casualties will be very high as they could be caught in the crossfire.

Our Colombo correspondent, Planbon Majumdar, reports that Gen Ranatunge's statement comes 2 days before the Sri Lanka foreign minister, Mr A.C.S. Hameed, leaves for Delhi with a new package of proposals for solving the ethnic issue. Although the exact contents of the package are being kept secret, political observers in Colombo do not feel that these will be radically different from earlier proposals except for conceding the demand for setting up provincial councils. The new proposals will, it is expected, rule out the merger of the Northern and Eastern Provinces and the rigid federalism as obtaining in the Indian states. Our correspondent adds that there are sufficient indications that the two states with provincial councils are sought to be given powers similar to the ones in the union territories in India. The exact nature of devolution in the crucial spheres — law and order and land settlements — are, however, not yet known.

India Not To Recognize Tamil Liberations Groups

BK101212 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 10 Apr 86

[Text] India will not recognize Tamil liberation groups in Sri Lanka as it did in the case of Palestine Liberation Organization — the PLO — and the Southwest Africa People's Organization — SWAPO. Speaking in the India lower house, Foreign Minister Bali Ram Bhagat restated India's policy of seeking a political solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic problem within a framework of unity and integrity.

New Delhi was also opposed to the posting of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Sri Lanka. He said we are keeping a close watch on future developments in Sri Lanka. India last year engineered a brief cease-fire between the Colombo government and the major militant groups who are seeking independence in the Sri Lanka's north and east.

Foreign Minister To Submit New Proposals on Tamils

BK101216 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 10 Apr 86

[Text] A small discussion group, chaired by President J.R. Jayewardene, is constantly reviewing the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. Cabinet spokesman, Minister of State Dr Anandatissa de Alwis, briefing newsmen on yesterday's cabinet meeting, also said that the government has assured India of its desire to settle this problem through discussions.

Dr de Alwis said that the minister of foreign affairs, Shahul Hameed, will submit Sri Lanka's proposals and discuss them with the Indian foreign minister during Mr Hameed's forthcoming visit to New Delhi to attend the nonaligned bureau meeting.

Reportage, Commentary on U.S. Attack on Libya

Khamene'i Message to Al-Qadhdhafi

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[Text] Tehran, April 15, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i in a message to President Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi of Libya, Tuesday, stressed that the Islamic Republic of Iran was on the side of the Libyan leader and the Libyan Muslim nation in their confrontation with the U.S., the Zionists and all enemies of Islam.

President Khamene'i in his message said that U.S. air attacks on Libyan cities was neither the first aggression of the U.S. leaders against the Islamic world nor will be the last. The U.S. aggression against Libya, he added, "is an aggression against the Islamic world and a link in the chain of the planned U.S. and Zionist aggressions against the Islamic community."

It is unfortunate, he pointed out, that certain Islamic countries have sided with the U.S. and, therefore, have been working against the interest of the Muslims of the world and their own nation. The recent trip of the U.S. presidential adviser to the region and his insulting statements against Muslims of the region and world, were the best proof of collaboration of these countries with the U.S. Such siding, he added, was in fact cooperation with the Zionist regime because everyday in occupied Palestine and southern Lebanon a number of Muslims were being slain by the Zionist forces. "These countries", he added, "should clarify their stance towards the Islamic community and provide an explanation for trampling upon the interests of one billion-strong Islamic community."

"We believe", he stressed, "that theU.S. Administration and those behind its aggressive measure must be punished. We further believe that your strong will and unceasing campaign towards U.S. imperialism was a major factor in encountering the U.S. savageries".

The attack of the great satan on Libya, the president added, will not weaken the strong will of the Libyan nation and its leadership and the U.S. would receive a decisive response for its aggression not only from the Libyan people but from all Islamic nations.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, he added, will remain on the side of Libya and just as the Iranian nation in the course of its campaign against the U.S. has showed that the U.S. cannot do anything, the Libyan people will also prove the same.

Musavi: U.S. Security Endangered

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[Text] Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi talked to our correspondent this morning about U.S. aggression against Libya early this morning, saying: The United States has endangered its own security in the world of Islam by this attack. He added: The barbaric U.S. aggression against Libya will increase the might of the Libyan Government and nation and it shows the height of the aggressive nature of the United States around the world. He said: As it was announced earlier, an attack against Libya is an attack against the Muslim world and this world of Islam is interconnected across the world. This attack has destroyed the security of U.S. organizations and citizens around the world of Islam.

The prime minister continued: The real terrorist in the world today is Reagan. Following the latest attack, the United States will be even more hated among the Islamic nations. The United States will taste the punishment for such actions. It is the duty of the Muslims of the world to reveal the ugly and aggressive face of the arch-satan. The United States today is at war with Islam and Islamic countries. The United States has clearly attacked a Muslim country. In other words, it has attacked all Islamic countries. There is no excuse left for the great Islamic ummah or governments in this respect.

Foreign Ministry Affirms 'Full Support'

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[Text] In a statement condemning U.S. aggression against Libya, our country's Foreign Ministry asks all the countries in the world and international organizations, especially the Islamic Conference, the Arab League, the Nonaligned Movement, and the Organization of African Unity to take practice steps to combat this U.S. savage crime.

The Foreign Ministry also declares that despite the fact that Iran is at war with the Iraqi regime — a U.S. pawn — the Islamic Republic considers itself committed to give full support to the brother and revolutionary country of Libya, and will stand alongside Libya with all its facilities.

Majlis Speaker: Raid Encourages Terrorists

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[Text] Tehran, April 15, IRNA — Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani here Tuesday stressed that the U.S. air strike against Libya, under a vain pretext, shows clear weakness of imperialism and that the U.S. has lost its balance in its international arena.

Speaking at Tuesday morning's open session of the Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis), Hashemi-Rafsanjani said that in his previous attack against Libyan territory the U.S. suffered a great disgrace. Therefore, it renewed its attack to restore its prestige but was again disgraced this time before its allies since it hit the French embassy in Tripoli in its Tuesday attack, the speaker said.

Referring to Monday night's official announcement of the U.S. Administration on having received the approval of the reactionary Arab states for attacking Libya, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said that these reactionary regimes should provide explanation for their action to their peoples and to the world.

As for the U.S. pretext of attacking Libya for terrorist-related issues, the Majlis speaker said that there was hardly a single person in the world who would not believe that countries in the

Western bloc were the bases for training the most notorious terrorists in the world. The U.S. action against Libya Tuesday, provides great encouragement for the terrorists, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said.

If one day terrorism is expected to be rooted out, the source of terrorism, insecurity and oppressions in the world should be removed, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said, adding that if these were not eliminated people would never abandon their revenge. He expressed hope that vigilant conscience of the world take advantage of the U.S. action to rid the world of these thugs.

Majlis Speaker: Moderate States 'Accomplices'

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[Text] During its open Majlis session today, Majlis speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani denounced the aggression launched early today by U.S. planes on Libyan territory. He said that this aggression mirrors the weakness of the international arrogance, particularly the United States, which has lost its balance in the international arena. It has resorted to the use of power and exploited its allies in the West, such as Britain, in attacking an independent state in the dark.

As for the statement issued by a U.S. official spokesman with regard to U.S. receiving the approval of some reactionary Arab countries in attacking Libya, the Majlis speaker asked: What will be the reply of the reactionary Arab countries — which accepted the aggression and sympathized with the United States with regard to bombing a Muslim Arab country in such a way — before the Islamic world? Hashemi-Rafsanjani added that there is information which indicates that certain countries, such as Egypt and others, wanted to be U.S. accomplices in launching this aggression. These countries could be U.S. accomplices in one way or another. The United States has remained silent on this issue so far. Hashemi-Rafsanjani added that the United States supports all sources of terrorism and factors of tension in the region.

He reiterated his call to the Arab world. He said: It is time for the Arabs to close the arena of dispute and settle their account with the reactionaries who approved of this crime. He added: If these reactionaries disagree with the claims of United States that it attacked Libya with the approval of the Arab reactionaries, they then must practically prove that the United States is a liar. If they do not take this step, then they are regarded as U.S. accomplices in this crime.

Majlis Committee: 'Mischievous Adventurism'

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[Text] Tehran, April 15, IRNA — The Foreign Relations Committee of the Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis), in a statement issued here Tuesday describing the U.S. strike against Libya as "a mischievous adventurism". The statement condemned the incident and said that the U.S. flagrant aggression added another criminal act to the list of the U.S. long records of crimes. The U.S. Administration in order to deceive the world public opinion has carries out the raid under the pretext of fighting terrorism, it added.

The statement stressed the need for a serious measure by the international community and the Islamic countries in particular so that world peace security and the rights of the nations would be protected.

The committee pledged its support for the Muslim people of Libya and hoped that through the continued struggle of the oppressed nations and awakened conscience of the world people, such actions would be isolated.

Egypt Urged To 'Crush' U.S. Bases

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[Text] According to a rpeort by the Central News Unit, following the U.S. military aggression against the cities of Tripoli and Banghazi in Libya, Libyan radio in a message announced: We have repeatedly said that plots are aimed at our homes from the Atlantic Ocean to the Persian Gulf. The radio went on to call on all Arab nations to rise and fight the enemy with all their abilities. The radio announced: O you children of the Egyptian nation, crush American bases in Egypt and support your Arab brothers in Libya who are teaching the aggressors lessons in bravery.

Civilians, Embassies Targeted

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[Report on unidentified Voice and Vision correspondent from London — recorded]

[Text] Following a number of days of propaganda and agitation, U.S. fighters, in implementation of the militarist plans of the White House, finally began their attacks against Libyan soil at 0300 [time zone not specified] today. The attack by the U.S. planes which began a few hours ago is still shrouded in mystery. However, initial reports coming out of Tripoli indicate that in the first stage of the U.S. military attack three of the aggressor aircraft were shot down by Libyan anti-aircraft fire.

Libyan radio, while confirming the U.S. military attack, reported that the attack was against a number of civilian targets including foreign embassies in the country. The radio added that the French Embassy and Colonel Al-Qadhdhafi's residence have been damaged. In a report which the station carried after interrupting its regular programs, it called the U.S. action (?barbaric). The U.S. Defense Department announced that their military aircraft mostly took off from one of their military bases in England. The targets within Libya have yet to be specifically identified. However, Western sources have referred to a number of military bases and a few economic and strategic locations.

In the past few days Libya had stressed that it would respond to any U.S. military attack and the Libyan news agency yesterday noted that suicide squads affiliated with the people's congress of the country are prepared to attack U.S. interests around the

world. One thing is certain: The United States cannot do anything except carry out short-term attacks and an operation a few weeks back has proved the uselessness of this method. European observers had earlier noted that the political impass at the White House and the inability of Washington's politicians to find a political solution to the problems present in U.S.-Libya relations have resulted in the country's resorting to the use of force against Libya.

Embassy, IRNA Office Damaged

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[Text] Tripoli, April 15, IRNA — The Iranian Embassy here sustained damage in the U.S. air raid against Libya's capital, Tripoli, early Tuesday morning. No report is yet available on the possible casualty of the Iranian nationals residing here. According to a report from Tripoli, the office of the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), stationed at the embassy, has been heavily damaged.

Reportage on Tripartite Meeting of Foreign Ministers

Faruq al-Shar' Arrival Statement

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[Text] Tehran, 14 Apr (SANA) — Faruq al-Shar', Syrian minister of foreign affairs, and Kamil al-Mansur, secretary of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah, arrived here from Damascus today. They were received at the Tehran international airport by Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati, Foreign Ministry Under Secretary Besharati, and several senior officials.

Replying to reporters' questions, Faruq al-Shar' said his visit falls within the framework of continuous consultation and exchange of opinion by the three countries. He added that the three ministers will leave for New Delhi to participate in the nonaligned countries' foreign ministers conference which will open in the Indian capital the day after tomorrow.

Al-Shar' added: It is natural that the meetings of the three foreign ministers in Tehran will focus on studying the conference agenda and coordinating stands toward submitted issues. Referring to the U.S. threats against the Libyan Jamahiriyah and the anticipated blatant and unjustified U.S. military aggression against Libya, Al-Shar' said: As our governments have separately expressed their complete solidarity with and support for the Jamahiriyah in its confrontation of this unjust aggression, we will collectively express the stand of our peoples and countries on the side of the Jamahiriyah in confronting the wild U.S. onslaught in the Mediterranean.

The minister expressed his conviction that all the nonaligned countries in the forthcoming New Delhi meeting will adopt stands similar to those of Syria, Iran, and Libya in condemning U.S. aggression.

In his statement, Al-Shar' refuted the pretexts used by the U.S Administration to justify its aggression against the Libyan Jamahiriyah, especially those pretexts connected with combating terrorism. He said these pretexts are only an attempt to mobilize Western public opinion against progressive and revolutionary states in the region.

Al-Shar' noted that the whole world knows that the two states which practice terrorism systematically and which have carried out practical actions known to the whole world over past decades are Israel and the United States. He added: We know very well that Israel was established on the basis of terrorism. Currently, there are Zionist leaders who were terrorist leaders. The current U.S. Administration, as well as previous administrations, granted political asylum to several plane hijackers. Therefore, we say that the current U.S. pretexts are rejected and denounced and cannot be justified.

The foreign minister affirmed that combating terrorism first requires uprooting and removing the real cause of terrorism, whether this is in the Middle East region or the world. If the causes of terrorism are removed, Syria will be ready to cooperate with otehr nations to combat true terrorism.

Al-Shar' pointed out that we in Syria differentiate between terrorism, which we condemn, and the struggle of liberation movements for regaining rights and restoring territory. He said that national liberation movements' rights are legitimate and cannot at all be described as terrorism.

The minister said that the U.S. Administration and Israel are practicing a policy of obscurantism to falsify facts by making strugglers look like terrorists and vice versa. Therefore, the meaning of terrorism must be defined and its causes remedied. We should not deal solely with superficial symptoms, he said.

Ministers Support Libya

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[Text] Faruq al-Shar', the Syrian foreign minister, and Kamil Hasan al-Mansur, the Libyan secretary of foreign liaison, arrived in Tehran this afternoon to attend the fourth tripartite session of Iran, Syria, and Libya. They were welcomed by Foreign Minister Velayati, a number of Foreign Ministry officials and ambassadors and charge d'affaires of Islamic countries in Tehran.

On his arrival, the Syrian foreign minister said in an interview with our correspondent: This trip is within the framework of the tripartite consultations. World issues, issues of interest and coordination of the views of the three countries at the conference of the foreign ministers of the Nonaligned Movement will be discussed.

He added: The meeting is held while we are on our way to New Delhi to attend the conference of the foreign ministers of the Nonaligned Movement, which will start the day after tomorrow. Considering the forthcoming conference of the heads of nonaligned countries in Zimbabwe, the conference of the foreign ministers of nonaligned countries in New Delhi has a special importance. In addition to reviewing the agenda of the conference of the heads of nonaligned countries, important interna-

tional issues and issues related to nonaligned countries, especially America's threats and the possible invasion of Libya by that country, will be reviewed.

Just as each country has declared its support for Libya by condemning this aggressive action, in this conference we will collectively condemn America's audacious aggression against Libya, he said. We believe that the countries participating in the nonaligned conference will without exception condemn this shameless aggression, as we have done.

Kamil Hasan al-Mansur, the Libyan foreign liaison secretary, in an interview with a Central News Unit correspondent, said regarding America's threats and aggression against Libya: We believe that all the world knows that, as a country which is against imperialism, colonialism, and hegemony, Libya has been subjected to aggression in accordance with a preplanned scheme. This aggression has been perpetrated under various guises, such as protecting of the security of international shipping and fighting against terrorism. But, this action exposes America as an aggressor and a hegemonist on a global scale. No doubt those who are hostile to our country by acting against Libya might do the same to any other country. The world's people should stand united against America's aggressions.

He added: We believe that aggression against Libya is not only aggression against a country, but aggression against our anti-imperialist stance. The nonaligned conference in New Delhi will give the world the chance to bravely and clearly voice their stance, just as the United States has clarified her stance through her aggressive actions against Libya and other countries.

Our country's foreign affaris minister, Mr Velayati, in an interview, also commented on this trip and the recent U.S. threats against Libya and said: [Begin Velayati recording] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. During the past few weeks, the United States has intensified its political, propaganda and military onslaught against our brother country of Libya and despite the defeat it suffered during its recent aggression, the news and statements of the responsible officials and statesmen of the ruling regime over the United States indicate that they are planning a new assault. Our evaluation of such an assault and its outcome is this: As on the previous occasion, they will suffer a heavy defeat, because they are confronting the revolutionary government and nation of the Libyan Jamahiriyah. In addition to that, Libya is not alone in the Islamic world. Such countries as Syria and Iran will support Libya against the U.S. assault with all their means; we have announced this many times before. At present, this meeting in Tehran is a good opportunity for us to exchange views with the foreign ministers of our friendly and brother countries, Syria and Libya, on existing issues and problems of the region, the world of Islam, and the nonaligned countries. Certainly, one of the most important issues that we will discuss will be the issue of the U.S. Government's barbaric assault against Libya. We will no doubt also discuss the nonaligned issue, the problem of Palestine, and struggles of the nations of the region against global hegemonists. The aggression of the Iraqi regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran will be discussed. This is the fourth regular meeting of the three countries of Iran, Syria, and Libya. The first one was held from 21 January to 20 February 1985 in Tehran; the second took place in Damascus; the third in Tripoli; and now we have met for the fourth time; that is, 14 months after the first meeting in Tehran, we have now held another session in Tehran. [end recording]

Tripartite Talks Begin

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[Text] The delegations of the fraternal countries of Syria and Libya, currently in Tehran under their respective foreign ministers, in connection with the fourth tripartite session of Syria, Libya, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, began the first round of their talks this evening.

The meeting got underway with a welcoming address by Foreign Minister Velayati. He then explained the situation in the region and the Persian Gulf, the imposed Iraqi war against Iran, and U.S. attempts, along with its envoys in the region, to escalate the war and tension in the area. He also noted U.S. aggression against the fraternal country of Libya, imperialists' creation of tension in the Gulf of Sidra, and the escalation of plots by the Zionist regime against the fraternal country of Syria and the Muslim and combative Lebanese people. He then said: Today we are facing a sensitive and complex situation. The plots hatched by U.S. imperialism and its lackeys in Islamic countries are increasing. Consequently, the need for an ever-increasing coordination between the three countries in confronting these plots, as well as other international issues, particularly in the light of the forthcoming Nonaligned Movement session, is needed more than ever before.

Afterward, the tripartite meeting of the three countries' foreign ministers began behind closed doors. The talks are still in progress.

Ministers, Khamene'i Discuss U.S. Attack

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[Text] Faruq al-Shar', Syrian minister of foreign affairs, and Kamil Hasan al-Mansur, secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaision, who have come to Iran in order to take steps to confront U.S. threats, met with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i this morning. At this meeting, Velayati and the president's chief adviser were present. First, Velayati, minister of foreign affairs, briefed the president on the fourth tripartite session. Stressing the need for more solidarity among the progressive wing of the struggling countries, Khamene'i said that more countries should be allowed to join the progressive wing. We believe that in international bodies, such as the Nonaligned Movement -- which will hold a meeting of its foreign ministers tomorrow and a summit session in the neaer future -- this cooperation should be made more apparent. The president emphasized: In our view, all Islamic and Arabic countries should seriously and clearly set out their stances with respect to today's U.S. aggression against Libya. The president stressed that the slogan asking for America's punishment should be aired everywhere.

Islamic and Arab countries should consider the U.S. aggression against Libya as an aggression against themselves in the real sense of the word and should combat it.

The president added: We, for our part, are prepared to take any action in return for such a savage act.

Khamene'i said that today, more than at any other time, the need is felt for progressive and anti-imperialist factions to come together to exchange views.

The Syrian minister of foreign affairs then thanked our president for his remarks and said: I would like to express my heartfelt pleasure at these sincere comments that come from the heart and give us hope. On every occasion when we have had talks with his excellency the president, our hopes for resisting and confronting the enemies of both Islam and the Arabs have increased. Whenever we come to Iran, we feel that our positions are a real and strong guarantee for progressive countries and for safeguarding the security of all Third World countries. He stressed that strengthening our cooperation would be a real guarantee of our victory.

Faruq al-Shar' then added that we, too, believe that the stupid aggression by the United States against the Arab Libyan Jamahiriyah should be suitably answered. He emphasized the need for more solidarity and coordination among liberating forces and progressive countries of the world and said: We believe that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a strong force and provides support for all progressive forces and weak countries in the world today.

He added that the Syrian leadership has decided to confront this morning's U.S. aggression against Libya and said that the United States is sure to be defeated because erroneous steps will certainly be defeated.

The Libyan foreign minister then thanked our president for his all-around support and said: We have resisted when confronted with this aggression and we will continue to resist. He stressed that what strengthens our determination is the courageous stance of our brothers in Iran and Syria.

Our correspondent reports that Kamil Hasan al-Mansur, Libyan foreign minister, met separately today with Khamene'i and discussed the U.S. aggression against Libya.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,441

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[Text] Tehran, April, IRNA — Iranian fighter bombers pounded 'Ayn Zallah oil installations, 200 kms inside the Iraqi territory, at 07:10 hours (03:40 hours GMT) Monday, setting fire to the installations, according to a military communique here Monday.

The communique numbers 2441 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces says that after successfully bombing 'Ayn Zallah at 36.43 North and 42.36 East, all Iranian planes returned to their bases safely.

In a lightning attack on Iraqi positions in Sumar, western fronts, on Sunday Islamic forces of Iran killed the personnel of an Iraqi battalion and set fire to three bulldozers, three tanks and one munitions dump of theirs, says the communique.

Iraqi forces backed by artillery fire tried to hit back on Iranian position in 'Kohneh Rig' Heights at 15:00 hours GMT Sunday, but were forced to flee while sustaining casualties and losses, according to the Joint Staff.

Elsewhere in the Western fronts, the communique says, the artillery fire of Iranian Muslim forces on Iraqi positions killed or wounded a number of enemy soldiers and demolished three vehicles and one katyusha of theirs.

The communique says that economic installations and industrial centers of Iraq's Banmil and Naft Khaneh townships incurred losses Sunday as they were hit by Iranian artillery fire.

The Islamic forces of Iran exchanged sporadic artillery fire in the northwestern fronts killing or wounding a number of Iraqi soldiers and destroying one tank together with several of their vehicles and bunkers.

The Joint Staff communique says that exchange of artillery fire between Iranian Muslim combatants and Iraqi troops continued in the southern fronts raging somewhat more heavily in Sharhani and the Majnun Islands. Iranian artillery fire hit Iraqi positions and supply routes inflicting heavy casualties and damage on them.